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In reply to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Abstract

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Please replace the original abstract with the following new abstract:

An excimer or molecular fluorine laser system includes a laser chamber filled with a gas mixture at least including a halogen-containing species and a buffer gas, and multiple electrodes with the laser chamber connected to a discharge circuit energizing the gas mixture. The laser chamber is within a laser resonator generating an output beam. The resonator includes a line-narrowing package for reducing a bandwidth of the output beam. The line-narrowing package includes a grating or grism element for use with a highly reflective (HR) and/or an anti-reflective (AR) dielectric coating. The grating may serve as a resonator reflector having a dielectric HR coating. The grating may be disposed before a HR mirror and thus have a dielectric AR or HR coating when